

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant

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For

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR QUIESCING SELECT DATA MODIFICATION OPERATIONS AGAINST AN OBJECT OF A DATABASE DURING ONE OR

MORE STRUCTURAL

OPERATIONS

Examiner

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 22, 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2004, Applicant respectfully submits the following clarifications and comments concurrent with a filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.